

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

"FOR the Amendment to Section 3—b of Article VII of the Constitution of Texas providing that taxes or bonds previously voted in any independent school district or in any junior college district shall not be abrogated, cancelled or invalidated by any change in boundaries and authorizing the continuance of the levy of taxes after such change without further election.

"AGAINST the amendment to Section 3—b of Article VII of the Constitution of Texas providing that taxes or bonds previously voted in any independent school district or in any junior college district shall not be abrogated, cancelled or invalidated by any change in boundaries and authorizing the continuance of the levy of taxes after such change without further election."

If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of said Amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution and be effective on and after the date of its adoption.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and shall have the same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on May 4, 1965: Yeas 131, Nays 9; passed by the Senate on May 27, 1965: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 18, 1965.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—COUNTIES— CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS

H. J. R. No. 69

Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding a new Section, Section 63, to Article III; authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for the accomplishment of governmental functions within any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants by the consolidation of the functions of government or by contract between any political subdivision(s) located within the county and any other political subdivision(s) located within the county or with the county; providing for an election and the issuance of a proclamation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding a new Section in Article III, to be known as Section 63, reading as follows:

"Section 63

"(1) The Legislature may by statute provide for the consolidation of some functions of government of any one or more political subdivisions comprising or located within any county in this State having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants. Any such statute shall require an election to be held within the political subdivisions affected thereby with approval by a majority of the voters in each of these political subdivisions, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may require.

"(2) The county government, or any political subdivision(s) comprising or located therein, may contract one with another for the per-

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formance of governmental functions required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State, under such terms and conditions as the Legislature may prescribe. The term 'governmental functions,' as it relates to counties, includes all duties, activities and operations of state-wide importance in which the county acts for the State, as well as of local importance, whether required or authorized by this Constitution or the Laws of this State."

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held throughout the State on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1966, at which time the ballot shall have printed thereon the following:

"FOR the Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants to consolidate the functions of government and for such counties or any political subdivision(s) located therein to contract for the performance of functions of government.

"AGAINST the Amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to provide by statute for any county having one million, two hundred thousand (1,200,000) or more inhabitants to consolidate the functions of government and for such counties or any political subdivision(s) located therein to contract for the performance of functions of government."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Adopted by the House on May 4, 1965: Yeas 112, Nays 20; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1965: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Signed by the Governor June 18, 1965.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT— AGRICULTURAL LANDS—TAXATION

H. J. R. No. 79

Proposing an amendment to Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding Section 1-d to provide that all land owned by natural persons designated for agricultural use shall be assessed for all tax purposes on the consideration of only those factors relative to such agricultural use.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended by adding Section 1-d to read as follows:

"Section 1-d. (a) All land owned by natural persons which is designated for agricultural use in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be assessed for all tax purposes on the consideration of only those factors relative to such agricultural use. 'Agricultural use' means the raising of livestock or growing of crops, fruit, flowers, and other products of the soil under natural conditions as a business venture for profit, which business is the primary occupation and source of income of the owner.